THE COST OF MARRIAGE. Laura-"I don't know, George, it seems such a solemn thing to marry. have you counted the cost?" -"The cost, Laura? The cost? Bless you! I've got a clergyman cousin that'll marry us for bothing!"-Drake's

It is estimated that there are to-day 12,947 Jesuits. In the United States there are 564 in Maryland, 403 in Missouri, and 195 in New Orleans.

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### Mayor Tillbrook Scrofula in the Neck By Hood's Sarsaparilla

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\*C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.:

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Bunch Under One Ear
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sems healthy and daily growing stronger. The doctor seemed quite pleased at his appearance and said he feared at one time that we should lose him. I have also taken Hood's Sarsapar Ila

myself and am satisfied that I have been helped by h." Mas J. W. Thibrook, Fifth Ave., McKeesport Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, perfectly

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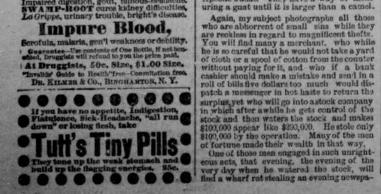
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# REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Straining at Gnats and Swallow" ing Camels."

TEXT: "Ye blind guides, who strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."—Matthew xiii., 24.

A proverb is compact wisdom, knowledge in chunks, a library in a sentence, the electricity of many clouds discharged in one bolt, a river put through a millrace. When Christ quotes the proverb of the text He means to set forth the ludicrous behavior of those who make a great bluster about small sins and haven appreciations of great ones.

In my text a small insect and a large quadruped are brought into comparison—a gnat and a camel. You have in museum or on the desert seen the latter, a great awkward, sprawling creature, with back two stories high and stomach having a collection of reservoirs for desert travel, an animal forbidden to the Jaws as food' and in many literatures entitled "the ship of the desert." forbidden to the Jews as food, and in many literatures entitled "the ship of the desert."

The gnat spoken of in the text is in the grub form. It is born in pool or pend, after a few weeks becomes a chrysalis, and then after a few days becomes the gnat as we recognize it. But the insect spoken of in the text is in its very smallest shape, and yet it inhabits the water—for my text is a misprint and ought to read "strain out a gnat."

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My text shows you the prince of inconsistencies. A man after long observation has formed the suspicion that in a cup of water he is about to drink there is a grub or the grandparent of a gnat. He goes and gets a sieve or a strainer. He takes the water and pours it through the sieve in the broad light. He says, "I would rather do anything almost than drink this water until this larva be extirpated." This water is brought under inquisition. The experiment is successful. The water rushes through the sieve and leaves against the side of the sieve the grub

ful. The water rushes through the steve and leaves against the side of the sieve the grub or gnat.

Then the man carefully removes the insect and drinks the water in placifity. But going out one day and hungry, he devours a "ship of the desert," the camel, which the Jews were forbidden to eat. The gastronomer has no compunctions of conscience. He

of the speaker.
In old age, or from physical inflemity, or

minister of the Gospel locks off upon an audience and finds healthy and intelligent people struggling with drowsiness it is time for him to give out the doxology or pronounce the benediction. The great fault of church services to day is not too much vivacity, but too much somnoleuce. The one is an irritating gnat that may be easily strained out; the char is a great, sprawling and sleepy-eyed camel of the dry desert. In all our Saboath schools, in all our Bible classes, in all our puttits we need to brighten

and sieepy-eyed camel of the dry desert. In all our Sabbath schools, in all our Bible classes, in all our pulpits we need to brighten up our religious message with such Christ-like vivacity as we find in the text.

I take down from my library the biograpanes of ministers and writers of the past ages, inspired and uninspired, who have done the most to bring souls to Jesus Christ, and I find that without a single exception they consecrated their wit and their humor to Christ. Elijah usel it when he advised the Baalites, as they could not make their God respond, telling them to call louder as their god might be sound asleep or gone a hunting. Job used it when he said to his self-conceited comforters, "Wisdom will die with you." Christ not only used it in the text, but when He ironically complimented the patrefiel Pharisses, saying, "The whole need not a physician," and when by one word He described the cunning of Hero!, saying, "Go ye, and tell that fox."

Matthew Henry's Commentaries from the first page to the last corrected with humor as summer clouds with heat lightning. John Bunyan's writings are as full of humor as they are of saving truth, and there is not an aged man here who has ever read "Pilgrim's Progress" who does not remember that wille

they are of saving trath, and there is not an aged man here who has ever read "Fligrim's Progress" who does not remember that while reading it he smiled as often as he wept. Chrysostom, George Herbert, Robert South, John Wesley, George Whitefield, Jeremy Taylor, Rowland Hill, Nettleton, George G. Finney and all the men of the past who greatly advanced the kingdom of Gol consecrated their wit and their humor to the cause of Christ.

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secrated their wit and their humor to the cause of Christ.

So it has been in all the ages, and I say to these young theological stutents, who cluter in these services Sabbath by Sabbath, sharpen your wits as keen as scimiters and and then take them into the holy war. It is a very short bridge between a smile and a tear, a suspension bridge from eye to lip, and it is soon crossed over, and a smile is sometimes just as sacred as a tear. There is as much religion, and I think a little more, in a spring morning than in a starless midnight.

Oh, how particular a great many people are about the infinitesimals while they are quite reckless about the magnitudes. What did Christ say? Did He not excoriate the people in His time who were so careful to wash their hands before a meal, but did not wash their hands? It is a bad thing to have unclean hands; it is a worse thing to have an unclean heart. How many people there are in our time who are very anxious that after their death they shall be buried with their feet toward the east, and not at all anxious that during their whole life they should face in the right direction so that they shall come up in the resurrection of the

should face in the right direction so that they shall cone up in the resurrection of the just whichever way they are buried. How many there are chiefly anxious that a min-ister of the Gospel shall come in the line of apostolic succession, not caring so much whether he comes from Apostle Paul or Apostle Judas. They have a way of mea-uring a guat until it is larger than a camel.

ing out one day and hungry, he devours a "ship of the desert," the camel, which the Jews were forbidden to eat. The gastronomer has no compunctions of conscience. He suffers from no indigestion. He puts the lower jaw under the camel's forefoot and his upper jaw over the hump of the camel's back, and gives one swallow and the dromedary disappears forever. He strained out a gnat, he swallowed a camel.

While Christ's audience were yet smiling at the oppositeness and wit of His illustration—for smile they did in church, unless they were too stupid to understand the hyperbole—Christ practically said to them. "That is you." Punctilious about small things; reckless about affairs of great magnitude. No subject over withered under a surgeon's knife more bitterly than did the Pharisees under Christ's scalpie of truth.

As an anatomist will take a human body to pieces and put them under a microscope for examination, so Christ finds His way to the heart of the dead Pharises and cuts it out and puts it under the glass of inspection for all generations to examins. Those Pharisees thought that Christ would flatter them and compliment them, and how they must have writhed under the red hot words as He said, "Ye foots, ye whited sepulchers, ye blind guides which strain out a gnat and swallow a camel."

There are in our day a great many gnats strained out and a great many camels swallowed, and it is the object of this sermon to sketch a few persons who are extensively engaged in that business.

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This subject does not give the picture of of one or two persons, but is a gallery in which thousands of people may see their likenesses. For instance, all these people who, while they would not rob their neighbor of a farthing, appropriate the money and the treasure of the public. A man has a house to sell, and he tells his customer it is worth \$30,000. Next day the assessor comes around and the owner says it is worth \$15,000. The Government of the United States took off the tax from personal income, among other rassons because so few people would tell the trute, and many a man with an income of hundreds of dollars a day made statements which seemed to imply he was about to be handed over to the overseer of the poor.

of Christ in the text that will irradiate with smiles any intelligent auditory. There are men like those blind guides of the text who advocate only those things in religious service which draw the corners of the mouth down and denounce all those things which have a tendency to draw the corners of the mouth up, and these men will go to installations and to presbyteries and to conferences and to associations, their pockets full of fine sleves to strain out the gnats, while in their own churches at home every Sunday there are fifty people sound asleep. They make their churches agreat dormitory, and their somniferous sermons are a cradle, and the drawled out hymns a bullaby, while some wateful soulin a pow with her fan keeps tha flies off unconscious persons approximate. about to be handed over to the overseer of the poor.

Careful to pay their passage from Liverpool to New York, yet smuggling in their Saratoga trunk ten slik dresses irom Paris and a half dozen watches from Geneva, Switzerland, talking the custom house officer on the wharf, "There is nothing in that trank but wearing apparel," and putting a five dollar gold piece in his hand to punctuate the statement.

Described in the text are all those who are particular never to break the law of grammar, and who want all their language an elegant specimen of syntax, straining out all the inaccuracies of speech with a fine sieve of literary criticism, while through their conversation go slander and innuendo and profanity and falsehood larger than a whole caravan of camels, when they might better

but who would not scruple to depress the fruit market; and as long as I can remember we have heard every summer the peach crop of Maryland is a failure, and by the time the crop comes in the misrepresentation makes a difference of millions of dollars. A man who would not steal one peach basket steals fifty thousand peach baskets.

Any summer go down into the Mercantile library, in the reading rooms, and see the newspaper reports of the crops from all pares the country, and their phraseology is very much the same, and the same men wrote them, methodically and infamously carrying out the huge lying about the grain crop from year to year and for a score of years. After a while there is a "corner" in the wheat market, and men who had a contempt for a petty theft will burglarize the wheat bin of a nation and commit larceary upon the American corneris. And men will sit in churches and in reformatory institutions trying to strain out the small gnate of scoundrelism, while in their grain elevators and in their storehouses they are fattering large ramels which they expect after swhile to swallow. Society has to be entirely reconstructed on this subject. We are to find that a sin is inexcusable in proportion as it is great.

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I know in our time the tendency is to charge religious frauds upon good resn. They say, "Oh, what a class of frauds you have in the Church of God in this day," and when an elder of a church or a deacon or a minister of the Gospel or a superintendent of a Sabbath school turns out a defaulter what display heads there are in many of the

what display heads there are in many or the newspapers—great primer type; five line pica—"Another Saint Absconded," "Cler-ical Scoundrelism," "Raligion at a Dis-count," "Shame on the Churches," while there are a thousand scoundrels outside the church, and the misbehavior of those who

never see the inside of a church is so great it is enough to tempt a man to become a Chris-

is enough to tempt a man to become a Curis-tian to get out of their company.

But in all circles, religious and irreligious, the tendency is to excuse sin in proportion as it is mammoth. Even John Milton in his "Paradise Lost," while he condemns Satan, gives such a grand description of him you have been burners.

caravan of camels, when they might better fracture every law of the language and shock their intellectual taste, and better let In old age, or from physical infirmity, or from long watches with the sick, drowsiness will sometimes overpower one, but when a preposition less its way in the sentence, and preposition less its way in the sentence. adjectives and participles and pronouns get into a grandriot worthy of the Fourth ward on election day, then to commit a moral in-accuracy. Better swallow a thousand gnats

Such persons are also described in the Such persons are also described in the text who are very much alarmed about the small faults of others and have no alarm about their own great transgressions. There are in every community and in every church watchdogs who feel called upon to keep their eyes on others and growl. They are full of suspicions. They wonder if that man is not dishonest, if that man is not unclean, if there is not something wrong about the other man. They are always the first to hear of anything wrong. Vultures are always the first to smell carricon. They are self appointed detectives. I lay this down as a rule without any exceptian—that those people who have the most faults themseives are most merciless in their watching of others. From scalp of head to sole of foot they are full of jealousies and hypercriticisms.

hypercriticisms.

They spend their life in hunting for musk-rats and mud turtles instead of hunting for Recky Mountain eagles; always for some-thing mean instead of something grand.

They look at their neighbors' imperfections through a microscope, and look at their own imperfections through a telescope upside down. Twenty faults of their own do not have them helf as mean proper galls of some.

imperfections through a telescope upsule down. Twenty faults of their own do not hurt them half so much as one fault of somebody elsa. Their neighbor's imperfections are like gnais, and they strain them out; their own imperfections are like camels, and they swallow them.

Eut lest any might think they escape the scrutiny of the text, I have to tell you we all come under the divine satirs when we make the questions of time more prominent than the questions of eternity. Come now, let us all go into the confessional. Are not all tempted to make the question, Where shall I live forever? How shall I get more dollars here? greater than the question, How shall I lay up treasures in heaven's the question, How shall I pay my debts to man? greater than the question, How shall I pay my debts to man? greater than the question, How shall I pain the world? greater than the question, How shall I gain the world? greater than the question, How shall I gain the world? greater than the question, How shall I get it extirpated from my nature? the question, What shall I do with the twenty or forty or seventy years of my sublunar existences. in a spring morning than in a starless midnight.

Religious work without any humor or wit in it is a banquet with a side of beef, and that raw, and no condiments and no dessert succeeding. People will not sit down at such a banquet. By all means remove all frivoity and all pathos and all lightness and all vulgarity—strain them out through the sleve of holy discrimination; but, on the other hand, beware of that monster which overshallows the Christian church to-day, conventionally, coming up from the Great Sahara Dessert of Ecclesiasticism, having on its back a hump of sanctimonious ghoom—and volumently refuse to swallow that camel.

Oh, how particular a great many people are about the infinitesimals while they are What shall I do with the twenty or forty or seventy years of my sublunar existences greater that the question. What shall I do with the millions of cycles of my post-terrestial existence? Time, how small it is! Eternity, how vastit is! The former more insignificant in comparison with the latter than a gnat is insignificant when compared with a camel. We dedged the text. We said, "fillst doesn't mean me, and that doesn't mean me," and with a ruinous benevolence we are giving the whole sermon away.

doesn't mean me, and that doesn't mean me, and that doesn't mean me," and with a ruinous benevolence we are giving the whole sermon away.

But let us all surrender to the charge, What an ado about things here. What poor preparation for a great eternity. As though a minnow were larger than a behemott, as though a swallow took wider circuit than an albatross, as though a nettle were taller than a Lebanon cedar, as though a giant were greater than a camel, as though a minute were longer than a century, as though time were higher, deeper, broader than eternity. So the text which flashed with lightning of wit as Christ uttered it, is followed by the crashing thunders of awful catastrophe to those who make the questions of time greater than the questions of the future, the encoming, overshading future. O Eternity! Eternity!

A Natural Inquiry. There were only two people in the saloon at that hour besides the white apron behind the bar. One of them was three-fourths drunk and fourfifths asleep in the corner, and the other, with a blistering red nose, was pacing up and down the sawdust in front of him. He followed the move-ments of the walker with half open, unsteady eyes for nearly half an hour and then he called the barkeeper. "I shay, barkeep," he muttered as that gentleman came over.

"Well, what is it, drunkie?" inquired the barkeeper pleasantly. "I shay, how longsh thash torsh light p'cheshun goin' t' be marshin

through here? I wan' t' go t' shleep."

### LADIES' COLUMN.

per from the basement doorway, and will go out and catch the urchin by the collar and twist the collar so tightly the poor fellow cannot say that it was thirst for knowledge that led him to the diabonest act, but grip the collar tighter and tighter, saying: "I have been looking for you along while. You stole my paper four or five times, haven't you? You miserable wretch!" And then the old stock gambler, with a voice they can hear three blocks, will cry out, "Police, police!" A CHAIR CARRIED BENEATH THE GOWN. One of the most original inventions of the day is a little portable and invisible chair, which is very light, and easily aljusted under a lady's gown, so that it. hear three blocks, will cry out, "Police, police,"
That same man, the evening of the day on which he watered the stock. Will kneel with his family in prayer and thank God for the prosperity of the day, then his his children good night with anair which seems to say. "I hope you will all grow up to be as good as your father!" Prisons for sins insectile in size, but palaces for crimes dromedarian. No mercy for sins animalcule in proportion, but great leniency for mastodon iniquity.

It is time that we learn in America that sin is not excusable in proportion as it declares large dividents and has cutriders in equipage. Many aman is riding to perdition postilion ahead and lackey behind. To steal a dollar is a gnat; to steal many thousands of dollars is a camel. There is many a fruit dealer who would not consent to steal a basket of peaches from a neighbor's stall, tut who would not scrupis to depress the fruit market; and as long as I can remember we have heard every summer the peach crop. does not interfere at all with her walking. Arrived at the point where the person desires to rest, all that is necessary is to assume a position as if about to sit down on an ordinary chair, by which motion the apparatus adjusts itself.-New York Journal.

In the higher girls' school in Holland, two puffs are made instead of one, the anguages and literature form a very lower one edged with lace or chiffon. languages and literature form a very lower one edged with lace or chiffon. prominent part of the instruction, and the Dutch young ladies consider these season, so we are told by some of the clearly outline . For a second they two subjects a most essential part of best authorities. Therefore, ladies who their education. It was therfore to be buy late in the season will do well to like a pair of calipers. While gazing in expected that these sections would also select the largest they can find or not this uncanny exhibition of the supernatbe well attended at the universities; but buy at all. Small ones are offered at ural, my friend noticed that the this is, however, not the case. More and very low prices for this reason. more voices are being raised against the fashionable training given to girls and young ladies in Holland, and it is now frequently the case that parents prefer to send their daughters to the boys' school aigrette at the back. The cap portion is -an arranement which requires a sometimes made of many matter at trast with the plainer color of the fur. special permission from the authorities, The aigrette matches the velvet. which is almost invariably granted .-- h Chicago Post.

FASILIONS IN SASHES. fashionable next season are very wide, half broad, to be set on each side of the very elegant, and not so very expensive, gored front breadth of a plain skirt, considering their quality and device. Five yards are often used where the is introduced. wearer is tall and elects for the Louis | Fabrics for summer wear are already Quinze sash, the ends of which reach) shown, and they are dainty and quite to the foot of the dress skirt. Some a diaphanous. Organdy muslins are shown of the new Russian blouses for young with white sheer grounds on which are girls are made of the gay Persian sash- tossed long stemmed violets, yellow ribbons, with a trimming of the same at | jouquils, moss resebuds and capriciously the hem of the dress skirt, or showing petaled orchids, while lawns and batistes as a simulated petticoat between the repeat the bow knot figures so popular slashings of the outside skirt with a sash this season. of the same at the back of the blouse, or ! Some very stylish costumes are being looped at one side if preferred. The silk or satin, with bright Pompadour! figures scattered in artistic groups down some of these beautiful novelties are exquisitely colored and blended. Shotsilk sashes are shown in which velvet changes into gold, white into silvery blue, gray into Roman red, olive into

WOMEN TO THE FRONT.

rose and gold, black into gold, and

ceru into gold and palest water-green .-

New York Post.

Lassa, the principal city of Thibet, is a remarkable place for one thing: Government recognizes the ability of women to manage and control a large proportion of display of Russian goods, among which may be found gold lace, silken textures, and peculiar styles of jewelry, much in dreadful shipwrecks almost every week. request in the cities and villages of The survivors tell how the big ship la-Thibet; also many kinds of furniture are bored and struggled through monster included in the list; and eastern Thibet | billows and shricking wind, under black fails not in ample provision of much- flying clouds and amid jagged streaks of prized musk. The owners of these valu- lightining, until mastless and helpless, able "packs of richness and elegance" she lay exhausted in the trough of the throw themselves heart and soul into sen, and passively received the crashing the work of disposing of their various deluge of merciless waves until she sank. properties, for in three mouths "the season of absence from home with them is beings, clung to helm and pumps till the past, and early in March they must again great ship's struggles were over, and it take up the claims of farm and store and became evident that she could carry

## THE FAN FAD.

gressive in its methods recently offered a geemed as if all on board were doomed prize for the prettiest fan designed.

There were thousands of competitors, fifteen years of age.

across it, while several smaller feathers or lands.—St. Nicholas. crossed the stem of the large one. In the other corner there was a bunch of peacook feathers, each one of which showed curious and beautiful play in colors.

displayed in possible and what should be impossible places.

Of all the fads that have raged recently the fan fad is certainly the prettiest and most sensible one. It is likewise fads usually are, and it bids fair to hold its popularity for many seasons, or until the beautiful pictures which are painted which is done in their folds become obliterated by the cruel hand of the all-destroying Time. - St. Louis Republic.

### FASHION NOTES.

New imported dresses have round, fu'l waists with belts, to which the skirts are sewed. 'These are very becoming to young ladies of good figure.

Brides still adhere to the pearl-white glove. Both dressed and undressed gioves are fashionable, but the latter has the softest and daintiest effect. Lace and ribbon will largely replace

these decorations will still be used. A great deal of lace and embroidery, both in edging and all over, will be used for summer dresses. Combinations of bound of tea.

grand tollets for evening uses, though

embroidery and lace will also be popu-

Cotton corduroy in two alternating colors, ecru and brown, rose and white, as well as black and white, will be used for morning dresses, made in tailor the time of my absence from home with

feature of the coming season. They and began to examine it. After looking come in endless variety; some of them at it intently for a few minutes and try in very deep waves; others in the merest what on earth such a novelty could be crinkle-like Japanese crepe.

A fashiomable sleeve on evening dresses is that of a single full puff that dresses is that/or a single full pull that his breath upon it. He tried to remove the dew-like cloud with his handkerchief

Musts are to be much larger next A little round cap of velvet, made al-

has a band of fur around the edge and an converted the cloudiness of the upper sometimes made of fancy material to con-As plain skirts make the invisible set-

ting in of pockets a matter of some difficulty, fashion, has come to the rescue, and The new sashes which are to be so gives a pocket flap about an inch and a while a real or imitation row of buttons

made in rather strict tailor-fashion out of colored cotton should not keep clean as long as a dark-colored woolen material;

There is great danger that the chatelaine fancy will run to a degree of absurdity. Among the latest additions are armed, and are more wary .- Once-apin cushion, toilet mirror, postage stamp box and similar nonsensical articles. To continue in the same line, one might carry a coal scuttle and a dust pan which would be quite as ornamental as some of the trinkets in use.

Many of you have stood on the beach the retail trade, that at certain seasons) at the seaside, and watched the seas of the year demand unusual attention. rolling in heavy breakers after a storm, From December to March a brisk busi-i curling and crashing into volumes of ness is carried on with "neighbors from) foam and broken water, with such force abroad." Hue, the distinguished ex- as to send them sweeping up almost to plorer, relates that china ware, rich; your feet. It is through such waves that carpets, attractive silk stuffs, and other, men who follow the sea must at times commodities in great variety and large, pass in reaching the shore; but not quantities are brought from western through one or two on a smooth, quick-China; and from other quarters appear, shelving beach, but through thirty or traveling merchants with well-ladent forty, perhaps, covering a mile of treachcamels and horses, revealing a tempting erous shoals, and at places surging be-With intense interest we read of

shop in their own laud."—Harper's them no longer; then how they hastily threw a cask of water and a few provisions into some remaining boat, and at a favorable moment launched upon the An English paper that is quite pro- angry waters in a craft so frail that it

to instant destruction. Here always comes the strangest part but the palm was taken and the prize of their narrative. Read all such acwas carried off by a little school girl only | counts carefully, and you will find that in nearly every case where such a little The fan was so very pretty in design | boat is safely launched from an abanthat it deserved the prize. There is no doned ship, it floats and drifts for days doubt about it. It represented peacock's and even weeks on the open ocean, livfeathers done upon a changeable electric ing through the dreadful tempest which blue and green background. There was wrecked the big ship, sailing buoyantly one very large feather extending from through calmer seas, and finally bringing the side of the fan almost all the way the survivors within sight of other ships

### Some Queer Old London Customs.

Here are one or two notes of domestic interest. The washing of the house The fan fad is raging so obstinately was always done at home. The washeramong us that it is difficult to keep women | woman began her work at midnight. supplied with anything like the number | Why this was so ordered I know not; of fans they crave. If you enter a house there must have been some reason. Duryou see here, there and overywhere fans ing the many wars of the century wheat went to an incre lible price. One year it was 101s, a quarter, so that bread was three times as dear as it is at present. Housewives in those times cut their bread with their own hands, and kept it capable of more artistic treatment than till it was state. If you wanted a place under Government you could buy one; the sum of £500 would get you a comfortable berth in the victualing office, for upon them and the beautiful embroidery instance, where the perquisites, picking and bribes for contracts male the service worth having. Members of Parliament who had the privilege of franking letters sometimes sold the right for £300 a year. Ale-houses were marked by chequers on the door-post; to this day the chequers is a common tavern sign. Bakers had a lattice at their doors. All trades neu-not servants only, but master-tradesmen -aske l for Christmasboxes. The Fleet weddings went on merrily. There was great feasting on the occasion of a wedding duly conducted in the parish church. On the the fur and feathers used so lavishly on day of the wedding the bridegroom him-

> Harper's Magazine. Twelve average tea plants produce one

self waited on bride and guests .-

A Skeleton in the Crystal.

The aged Dr. Collier relates the following: In 1842 an old and worthy friend, of whose strict veracity I haven't the least possible doubt, came from Burn-ham, England, with a relative to transused for, he noticed that the surface of the instrument became clouded. This he at first attributed to his having blown his breath upon it. He tried to remove ostrich, the toes and knee-joints being seemed to open and close at the joints was slowly but surely changing its form. The ostrich legs had become those of a ghastly human skeleton, and almost inmost exactly in the shape of a polo cap, stantly the final change came, which part of the glass into ribs, vertebræ, long, bony arms, the whole surmounted by a hideous, grinning skull. At this juncture, according to my friend's story, he began to feel a great oppression in the region of the chest and a numbress and giddiness in the head. He lost no time n replacing the crystal upon the table, and says that it was some hours before he was able to throw off the unpleasant sensation which his curious experience produced. It was not until nearly two years after

this that he ventured to tell me of the circumstance; even then I could not induce him to inspect the crystal again.
In conclusion I may remark that the dear friend, who was absent with me at the time, died at about the time Mr. B- saw the skeleton dancing in the crystal .- St. Louis Republic.

### All Because of Human Vanity.

There is a vast deal of smuggling done in precious stones in the Port of New York. Persons have been known to carry thousands' of dollars' worth of ciamonds, rubies, pearls and other gems hore from steamers, having them in rich Louis XV. sashes show wide stripes cotton Bedford cord in medium and dark their mouths, in the lining of their hats, of watered silk alternating with those of colors. The question arises, why a dark- or stowed away in the seams of their clothes. A diamond dealer's traveling agent often has in the little box which these stripes. The floral patterns in therefore novelty-seekers have decided to by a strap thirty thousand dollars' worth he carries suspended from his shoulder of jewels. Some of these jewel dealers were murdered in silent places in the past when making their semi-annual business trips, but now they all go well

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Q. Is it the same as kalsomines?
A. It is entirely different from all other preparations on the market.
Q. Wherein does it differ from these kalsomines on the market?
A. It is made from a cement that goes through a process of setting on the wall, and grows harder with age.
Q. What are kalsomines made from?
A. From whitings, chalks, clays or other inert powders for a base, and are entirely dependent upon glue to hold them on the wall.
Q. Why do kalsomines rub and scalo?
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A. By writing the Alabastine Company, Grand
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### Habits of the Moose.

J. G. Lockhart says that moose generally lie with the tail windward, trusting to their senses of hearing and smelling, which are remarkably acute, to warn them of approaching danger from that quarter, using their eyes to warn them from danger to leeward. While they are sleeping or chewing the cud, their ears are in perpetual motion, one forward, the other backward alternately. Mr. Lockhart also claims that the moos has the remarkable babit of making a short turn and sleeping below the wind of their fresh track, so that any one falling thereon and following it up is sure to be heard or smelled before he can get within shooting distance. - Boston Cultivator.

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